

Special Session

Agenda Item #	4
Meeting Date	October 29, 2007
Prepared By	Ms. Denise Pullet
Approved By	Barbara B. Matthews City Manager

Discussion Item	Single Reading Ordinance Authorizing the Purchase of a Digital Audio Recorder/Logger system - Police Department
Background	<p>Police departments are required or authorized to record certain telephone transactions and radio transmissions in the routine course of their business. There are legal requirements, expectations by the State's Attorney's Office, CALEA standards and matters of operational necessity and safety that drive the need for robust equipment to routinely record all such transactions. The equipment is expected to store the recordings for a reasonable amount of time, and to make specific incident or transaction recordings available in order to enhance investigations, support prosecutions, improve training and increase managerial capability over the entire communications process.</p> <p>Current equipment in use in the Department is more than 7 years old, has experienced an unacceptably high rate of failure, and was not specifically designed to integrate well with the 800 MHz radio system.</p> <p>The specific brand/model selected that will improve reliability and ease of distribution of secondary recordings is the NC3B-12 Nice Call Focus III recorder, to be supplied in partnership between American Telecom Solutions and Applied Digital Solutions on the GSA Schedule GS-35F-0579L. The contract price is \$21,675.50 for the entire system and related accessories. Neither of these two companies is on the adopted Nuclear Free America list of parent companies of U.S. nuclear weapons system contractors.</p>
Policy	<p>This will be a cooperative purchase in accordance with the provisions of the City Code; consequently, competitive bidding is not required.</p> <p>The cost is in excess of \$10,000. Therefore, Council approval of the purchase is required.</p> <p>The project will be funded by a BJA COPS Technology Grant accounted for in the Special Revenue Fund. A single reading ordinance is appropriate.</p>
Fiscal Impact	The total purchase cost of the Nice Call Focus III Recorder System from American Telecom Solutions and Applied Digital Solutions will be \$21,675.50, to be charged against funds secured through the COPS Technology Grant obtained by the City in FY2006, and reflected in the FY2008 budget, as adopted.
Attachments	Proposed Ordinance
Recommendation	Staff recommends that the Council approve the attached ordinance.

**CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND
ORDINANCE NO. 2007 -**

Authorization to Purchase In Car Video Cameras

WHEREAS, the City of Takoma Park desires to replace its existing audio recorder/logger system in use in its Police Communications Office; AND

WHEREAS, this is a cooperative purchase and competitive bidding is not required; AND

WHEREAS, the recording system that best meets the needs of the City's Police Department is the NC3B-12 Nice Call Focus III Recorder, supplied by American Telecom Solutions and Applied Digital Solutions; AND

WHEREAS, neither American Telecom Solutions nor Applied Digital Solutions is on the adopted Nuclear Free America list of parent companies of U.S. nuclear weapons system contractors; AND

WHEREAS, the equipment will enhance police services and protect police officers; AND

WHEREAS, funding has been secured through a BJA COPS Technology Grant to provide for these expenses; AND

WHEREAS, the adopted FY08 Budget provides sufficient funding in the Special Revenue Fund for payment of the \$21,675.50 cost of this equipment.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND THAT:**

SECTION 1. The City Manager or designee is authorized to purchase the NC3B-12 Nice Call Focus III Recorder and related required equipment from American Telecom Solutions and Applied Digital Solutions in the total amount of \$21,675.50 in accordance with GSA Schedule pricing.

SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall be effective immediately.

ADOPTED this ____th day of October, 2007 by roll call vote as follows:

AYE:

NAY:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: